

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Dr Bob Lapena	No	No	No	Policy		The Local Plan should consider land use in general, not just for development Paragraph Policy EV4 Charnwood Forest and the National Forest 4(2) Not sound, not positively prepared			

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>NPPF 17 (2018 version) makes it clear that plan making is not just about development, but also use of land in general.</p> <p>The development plan must include strategic policies to address each local planning authority’s priorities for the development and use of land in its area</p> <p>The Local Plan contains many fine words about the importance and the need to protect Charnwood Forest and the National Forest. However, Policy EV4 is phrased to be only reactive to development proposals where instead it should be pro-active in specifying the specific sites and areas of land that should be protected due to their environmental importance and what form that protection should take.</p> <p>Further, phrasing policies in such a way that the default is (or at least appears to be) in favour of supporting development, is more likely to attract developers who will then seek to find ways to show they are able to overcome the prescribed list of environmental and ecological issues. Instead, by rephrasing policies to start from the assumption of not supporting development, this immediately establishes that a higher standard of evidence will need to be provided by developers. This is a subtle but important difference that needs to be made if we are serious about protecting this Forest that is so important in retaining the attractiveness of Charnwood.</p>	<p>Two modifications are needed</p> <p>(1) The Council must specify the physical locations of the sites in Charnwood Forest that are to be protected.</p> <p>(2) EV4 begins with the phrase that</p> <p>We will support development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supports the woodland economy and rural diversification, including sustainable small-scale tourism and recreation opportunities which protect, and enhance the distinctive landscape character of the Charnwood Forest;• protects and enhances the biodiversity of the Charnwood Forest Regional Park, consistent with the aims of the National Character Area profile of Charnwood; <p>For its Charnwood Forest policies, the Council should not be using the phrase support development. Instead, the assumption should be in favour of not supporting development.</p> <p>EV4 should become</p> <p>We will not support development unless it can be demonstrated that it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• protect, and enhance the distinctive landscape character of the Charnwood Forest;• protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Charnwood Forest Regional Park, consistent with the aims of the National Character Area profile of Charnwood;	<p>No</p>	